

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 5-9, and 14 as follows:

B<sup>1</sup> C<sup>2</sup> 1. (Amended) A composite roofing shingle comprising a mixture of:

- a. about 36 to 64% polyethylene; and
- b. about 36 to 64% inorganic filler.

C<sup>2</sup> C<sup>2</sup> COM<sup>1</sup> (Amended) A shingle according to Claim 1 where the inorganic filler is crushed limestone.

B<sup>2</sup> 6. (Amended) A roofing shingle:

- a. that is less than an inch thick;
- b. between about 3-12 inches wide;
- c. between about 6-24 inches long;
- d. comprising at least about 36% polyethylene; and
- e. comprising no more than about 64% inorganic filler.

7. (Amended) A shingle according to Claim 1 where the inorganic filler is slate.

8. (Amended) A shingle according to Claim 1 where the inorganic filler is shale.

B<sup>3</sup> 14. (Amended) The roofing shingle of claim 6, where:

- d. comprises 40% polyethylene; and
- e. comprises 60% crushed limestone.

Please cancel claims 2-4 and 9.